

# THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, November 11, 2018

The Christian Year: the Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM Morning Service

*"On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food,  
a feast of well-aged wine....He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25:6, 8)*

[Please turn off cell phones and observe silence when the prelude begins.]

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 57:9-11

Minister: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

**People:** For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Minister: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

**People:** Let your glory be over all the earth!

**Unison:** Come, let us sing and praise our God!

**\*Hymn of Adoration** No. 34

*The God of Abraham Praise*

**\*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer**

Blessed are you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to your great mercy, you have caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this we rejoice, though now for a little while, we are grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of our faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though we have not seen him, we love him and believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls. In his name we pray. Amen.

From I Peter 1:3-9

**\*Confession of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism 57 & 58

Minister: What comfort does the resurrection of the body offer you?

**People:** Not only shall my soul after this life immediately be taken up to Christ, my Head, but also this my flesh,

raised by the power of Christ, shall be reunited with my soul and made like Christ's glorious body.

Minister: What comfort do you receive from the article about the life everlasting?

**People:** Since I now already feel in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, I shall after this life possess perfect blessedness, such as no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived: a blessedness in which to praise God forever.

**\*Gloria Patri** Tune: Gloria Patri (Greatorex)  
Glory be to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**Psalter Reading** (responsive reading, p. 833) Psalm 130

**Hymn of Confession** No. 497

*I Need Thee, Precious Jesus*

**Public Confession**

Minister: In repentance and rest is your salvation; in quietness and trust is your strength. Isaiah 30:15

**People:** Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence because of our many sins. If you dealt with us as we deserve, we would not receive any grace or mercy from you. We have sinned against you, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show us mercy and forgive all of our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts so that, not only the actions of our life, but the words of our mouths and the smallest thoughts of our minds, may be guided and governed by you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory now and forever, Amen.

**Private Confession**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Promise of the Gospel**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (Romans 5:1-2)

**\*Hymn of Preparation** SH 11

*Speak, O Lord*

**Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Doxology** Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

**\*Reading of The Holy Scriptures** Colossians 1:24-29

**\*The Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** Rev. Seth Wallace

**"JESUS: THE HOPE OF GLORY"**

**\*Hymn of Response and Preparation** No. 263

*Lift High the Cross (verses 1-3)*

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Invitation and Instructions

All who have professed faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized and who are communicant members in good standing in an evangelical church are invited to come to participate in this sacred Sacrament of the Church. This is not a Presbyterian table, and we do not restrict it as such; it is the Lord's Table. However, the church alone grants access to the table and must guard it from the leaven of unrighteousness (1 Cor. 5:6-8). Therefore, if you have not repented and trusted in Christ or if you are harboring sin in your life or if there is any person from whom you are estranged, please do not participate in this meal. We invite you instead to use this time to reflect and ask God to speak to your heart and give you more light and understanding. Children who have not been admitted to the table by the church should also refrain from partaking of the Supper.

*For those who prefer, the outer ring of the tray is grape juice.*

*Please hold the bread and cup until all have been served  
so that we may partake together.*

**\*Departing Hymn** No. 263

*Lift High the Cross (verses 4-5)*

**\*The Benediction**

**Postlude**

*\*Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

**Cookies & Catechism, immediately following this service**

This morning our deacons will collect a special offering designated to provide assistance to those in our congregation and wider community who have material and financial needs. It has long been the practice of the church to receive gifts for this purpose in connection with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, remembering Jesus who "though He was rich, yet for your sake became poor so that through His poverty you might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9). Please use the Mercy Box at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you.

If you would like someone to pray with you, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary following the service.